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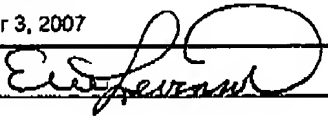
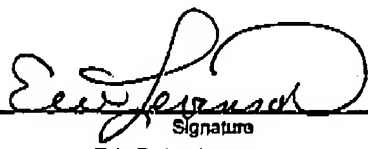
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please consider the following remarks during the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference. As these remarks outline a clear legal or factual deficiency in the rejections, Applicants submits that the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is appropriate.

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Title: STATIC DISSIPATIVE HOUSING FOR DATA CARTRIDGE CARRYING NON-TAPE
STORAGE MEDIUM**REMARKS****Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-8 and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Albretch et al. US Publication No. 2002/0159182 in view of Waggoner et al. US Publication No. 2004/0113129 and "STAT: Guide To LNP's Line Of Thermoplastic Composites For Electrostatic Dissipation" (STAT).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and submit that the Albretch, Waggoner, and STAT references, individually or in combination, do not disclose a data cartridge as claimed in independent claim 1 or independent claim 16 including a housing adapted to dissipate a static charge of the data cartridge.

The Examiner recognizes that the Albretch reference does not teach the housing being formed of materials having a surface resistivity in a range of 10^6 ohms/square to 10^{12} ohms/square (Final Office Action, page 5), and suggests that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use static dissipative materials with a surface resistivity in a range of 10^6 ohms/square to 10^{12} ohms/square for the housing (Final Office Action, page 6).

Applicants note that the Albretch reference discloses a data storage cartridge having a data storage device, such as an encased magnetic disk drive assembly, supported and mounted in a cartridge shell (see, e.g., Abstract; Figs. 3 and 4). The Albretch reference discloses that the data storage cartridge has a backing plate 70 electrically coupled to the data storage device by means of land 85 of flex cable 65, to a ground thereof, thereby forming an electrostatic discharge path from the data storage device to the backing plate and through the electrically semiconductive material to the alignment pins of the transfer station, which are electrically grounded (para. [0066]; see also Fig. 18). Thus, backing plate 70 of the data storage cartridge of the Albretch reference provides an electrostatic discharge path for the data storage cartridge.

As backing plate 70 of the data storage cartridge of the Albretch reference already provides an electrostatic discharge path, Applicants submit that forming the cartridge shell of the

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data storage cartridge of the Albretch reference of a static dissipative material would not have been obvious for at least the reason that the data storage cartridge of the Albretch reference already includes an electrostatic discharge path.

In addition, the Albretch reference provides that backing plate 70 is formed of a semiconductive plastic material having electrical resistivity whereby, in one example, the material has sufficient embedded carbon to provide the electrical resistivity, comprising 10%-30% carbon filled plastic (para. [0066]). In one specific example, the Albretch reference provides that the material is a carbon filled plastic comprising a 20% carbon filled polycarbonate, called "Stat-Kon DC-1004-FR" (para. [0066]).

Thus, the inventors of the Albretch reference full aware of the Stat-Kon line of materials, chose not to form the cartridge shell of the data storage cartridge of a Stat-Kon material and chose only to form backing plate 70 of a Stat-Kon material. Since the inventors of the Albretch reference, full aware of the Stat-Kon line of materials, chose not to form the cartridge shell of the data storage cartridge of a Stat-Kon material, Applicants submit that the Albretch reference actually teaches away from forming the cartridge shell of a static dissipative material. A *prima facie* case of obviousness may be rebutted by showing that the art, in any material respect, teaches away from the claimed invention. *In re Geisler*, 116 F.3d 1465, 1471, 43 USPQ2d 1362, 1366 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Thus, Applicants submit that forming the cartridge shell of the data storage cartridge of the Albretch reference of a static dissipative material would not have been obvious.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 16, and the dependent claims depending therefrom, are each patentably distinct from the Albretch, Waggoner, and STAT references and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-8 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1-8 and 16-20 be allowed.

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STORAGE MEDIUM**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-8 and 16-20 recite patentable subject matter, are in form for allowance, and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-8 and 16-20 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' representative at the below-listed number to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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